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Land Revenue.

Assignment of darkhast lands in Kamalapuram.

1519 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to question No. 1055 answered at the meeting of the Council on the 15th December 1925 regarding assignment of darkhast lands in Kamalapuram, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why lands were assigned to several Brahmans though they had not served in the army during the Great War; and

(b) whether any action has been taken upon the petitions submitted up to this to the Tahsildar, Revenue Divisional Officer and the Labour Commissioner by the members of the depressed classes of Kamalapuram village for assigning darkhast lands and house-sites?

A.—(a) The Government have no information whether any of the caste Hindus mentioned in the answer to Question No. 1055 are Brahmans. It is open to caste Hindus, including Brahmans to darkhast for lands not reserved for the depressed classes or ex-soldiers.

(b) The Collector will be requested to see that the orders on these applications are communicated to the applicants.

Assignments of waste lands adjoining public roads in South Kanara.

* 1520 Q.—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that in South Kanara assignments of waste lands adjacent to public roads are limited to 22 yards from the road margin;

(b) whether it is a fact that formerly the rule was not applied in cases where the waste lands adjacent to such roads fell within the kumaki limits of wardars; and

(c) whether it is a fact that of late under a circular issued by the Collector the kumakidar's 100 yards limit is cut short by the 22 yards of road margin?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information and have called for a report.

Levy of demarcation fees in South Kanara.

* 1521 Q.—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to my question No. 115 answered on 19th August 1925, regarding the levy of demarcation fees that it was introduced as an experimental measure for three years—

(a) whether the Government have found the same as necessary and beneficial to assesses of such fees;

(b) what is the total number of such assesses from the very inception of such levy up to date in South Kanara;

(c) what is the total amount of fees collected from them; and

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(d) whether such fees have been refunded to any, and if so, how much and how many?

A.—(a) The scheme was introduced in January 1924, and the Board's report on it is not therefore due until after January 1927; Government have not therefore yet formed an opinion on the matter.

(b) to (d) The Government have not the particulars asked for. Instructions have been issued that a statement should be annexed to the report on the maintenance of Revenue records and registration giving particulars of the number of applications for subdivisions received in the year, number of subdivisions effected at the request of parties, fees charged and amounts paid to karnams. Information on the subject will thus be annually available in the future.

Introduction of the Land Revenue Bill.

* 1522 Q.—MR. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why the Land Revenue Bill has not yet been introduced in the Council; and

(b) when the Government propose to introduce the Bill?

A.—(a) Because the subject is still under correspondence with the Government of India.

(b) The answer depends on the final result of the correspondence referred to in the reply to clause (a).

MR. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR:—"Will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to tell us at least approximately when he will be able to introduce the Bill?"

The hon. MR. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I cannot possibly say, Sir. That depends as I have said in clause (b) of the answer on the result of the correspondence with the Government of India. It is not possible for me to foretell."

MR. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR:—"In view of the assurances given very often in this Council to the effect that the Bill will be introduced as early as possible, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to take the necessary steps to expedite the reply from the Government of India, at least so far as it lies in his power?"

The hon. MR. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Of course, Sir, we have been doing so all along."

Public Services.

Pay of unpassed men.

* 1523 Q.—MR. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that unpassed candidates who were confirmed prior to 6th August 1917 and before that period with reference to the notification appearing on page 473, Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated